

By Representative Corry

**PSHB 1816** - H COMM AMD (TO H-2776.2/22)

By Committee on Appropriations

1 On page 583, line 12, increase the general fund--state  
2 appropriation for fiscal year 2023 by \$1,000,000.

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4 On page 583, line 19, correct the total.

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6 On page 602, line 13, after "(44)" insert the following:

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8 "\$1,000,000 of the general fund--state appropriation for fiscal  
9 year 2023 is provided solely for the office to contract with a  
10 nonprofit organization to implement a technology-based kindergarten  
11 readiness program."

12 (a) The office must award the contract on a competitive basis to a  
13 service provider that is a 501(c)(3) organization that has  
14 demonstrated previous success in conducting technology-based school  
15 readiness programs through independent, valid, and reliable  
16 evaluations. The office must require the organization to submit  
17 quarterly reports to the office regarding measures for student  
18 participation and academic growth over the course of the program.

19 (b) An organization awarded a contract under this subsection may  
20 be required to provide a total of \$500,000 in matching funds during  
21 the term of the contract.

22 (c) The office may define eligibility for participation in the  
23 technology-based kindergarten readiness program based on state need,  
24 such as: children from low-socioeconomic status households; children  
25 in communities with high concentrations of English language learners;  
26 or children residing in rural and remote areas.

1        (d) For the purposes of this section, "technology-based  
2 kindergarten readiness program" is defined as a program that:  
3        (i) is designed to improve a child's transition into elementary  
4 education and contains content in reading, math, and science;  
5        (ii) meets the American academy of pediatrics recommendation of no  
6 more than one hour of screen time per day for preschool-age children;  
7        (iii) is aligned with Washington and nationally-recognized early  
8 learning standards;  
9        (iv) is administered by a 501(c)(3) organization and provided in  
10 the student's home;  
11        (v) includes a parental engagement and involvement component, with  
12 support models provided in English, Spanish, and other languages as  
13 needed; and  
14        (vi) includes an evaluation component with measures for student  
15 academic growth over the course of the program.

16        (45)"

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18        Renumber remaining subsections consecutively and correct internal  
19 references.

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      EFFECT:     Requires OSPI to contract with an experienced  
nonprofit organization to implement a technology-based kindergarten  
readiness program. Provides a definition for the technology-based  
kindergarten readiness program, permits OSPI to define eligibility  
for participation in the program, and directs OSPI to require the  
nonprofit to submit quarterly status reports on the program.  
Specifies that the contracted organization may be required to  
provide a total of \$500,000 in matching funds during the term of the  
contract.

FISCAL IMPACT:

          Increases General Fund - State by \$1,000,000.

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